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## Beyond classrooms: MDU's blueprint for students' success

Focus set on how infrastructure, innovation, and inclusivity are woven into student development.

**Prof Ashish Dahiya**

**Q: You have often emphasized that students are the heartbeat of any university. How has this belief shaped your vision and priorities for MDU's development?**

**A:** At MDU, we firmly believe that students are not just the recipients of education—they are its pulse and purpose. I have been guided by this conviction while taking every considered step to transform this institution. Be it launching the MDU Consortium for Students' Capacity Building; introducing life skills and soft skills through CLAS, or ensuring robust career guidance via the Placement Cell and UCCE, our focus has remained resolutely student-centric. We have aligned our policies with the National Education Policy 2020, giving students multiple platforms, academic, entrepreneurial, cultural and athletic—to grow holistically and thrive. The introduction of student clubs, ABC-linked co-curricular credits, and inclusive practices reflect our commitment to empowering every learner. Our infrastructure, policies, and eco system are designed to support not just academic excellence



but personal growth, resilience, and leadership. In this Golden Jubilee year, we reiterate that students constitute the core of MDU's vision for a progressive, inclusive, and impactful future.

**Q. MDU has consistently ranked among the top 100 Indian universities and currently holds 35th position in NIRF 2024 among state universities. How much of this success do you attribute to student-centric policies and initiatives?**

**A:** MDU's consistent presence among the top 100 Indian universities and our 35th position in the NIRF 2024 rankings among state universities mirror our undiluted commitment to student-centric development. Our success stems from treating students as core stakeholders in every academic and administrative decision.

We have institutionalized structures like the Centre for Competitive Exams, Career Counselling and Placement Cell, Centre for Life Skills; Soft Skills (CLAS), and the Centre for Youth Skill Development under one unified Consortium to ensure holistic capacity-building.

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## New initiatives—2

### Now, course to integrate education with social engagement

Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) continues to think new and big and break new ground. Besides several other initiatives, it has laid the pitch for introducing a new initiative in the field of higher education, linking education with social responsibility. This decision was taken at the 5th annual meeting of the University Outreach Program Advisory Committee, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh.

Addressing the meeting, Prof. Rajbir Singh expressed concern about the growing distance between the youth and their families, parents, and society.

"Today, the youth is getting increasingly disconnected and distanced from family, and social responsibilities. If social issues are made a part of the academic curriculum, youth can play a constructive role in the development of society and the country. Education without social engagement has no meaning," he said

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, MDU will introduce a four-credit 'Community Engagement and Service' course for post-graduate students and a two-credit course for undergraduate students. Through these courses, students will engage in various social activities at the community level, developing social awareness and a sense of responsibility.

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**“ The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you ”**

B.B. King

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The launch of multidisciplinary student clubs, credit-linked co-curricular participation, and strong mentorship frameworks has enabled us to foster academic excellence, leadership, and innovation. These initiatives are not isolated efforts but integrated into our teaching-learning processes, quality benchmarks, and inclusive culture. Our rankings are not mere statistics—these showcase the trust, performance, and empowerment of our students, who remain the driving force behind MDU’s ascent.

**Q. With over 620 acres of lush green campus space, international-standard sports facilities and 24x7 library services, MDU offers infrastructure par excellence. How do these facilities enhance the students’ experience and contribute to their holistic development?**

**A:** The infrastructure at MDU goes beyond buildings. In my view, it includes the ecosystem that inspires learning, growth, and excellence. Our 620-acre green campus provides an enriching environment that stimulates academic pursuits and encourages broad thinking and inspires one to think big and beyond. Global standard sports facilities, including stadiums, swimming pools and training centres, encourage discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being. The Vivekananda Library, operating 24x7 with over five lakh resources and top-notch digital access, supports academic rigour and research. Our Yagshala, Swasthya Path, hostels, cafeterias, innovation hubs, auditoriums, and secure surroundings offer a vibrant and inclusive life to a student.

These facilities are purposefully aligned with our student-first vision, ensuring that every learner has access to resources for academic success, skill development, wellness, and co-curricular engagement. By providing world-class infrastructure, we enable students to tap their full potential and become well-rounded and future-ready individuals. This integrated environment is central to MDU’s commitment to holistic education and excellence.

**Q: The formation of MDU Consortium for Students’ Capacity Building seems to be a visionary step. How do you ensure synergy among its constituent centres for the benefit of every student. Could you elaborate on how this integrated approach is helping the students in preparing for both life and livelihood?**

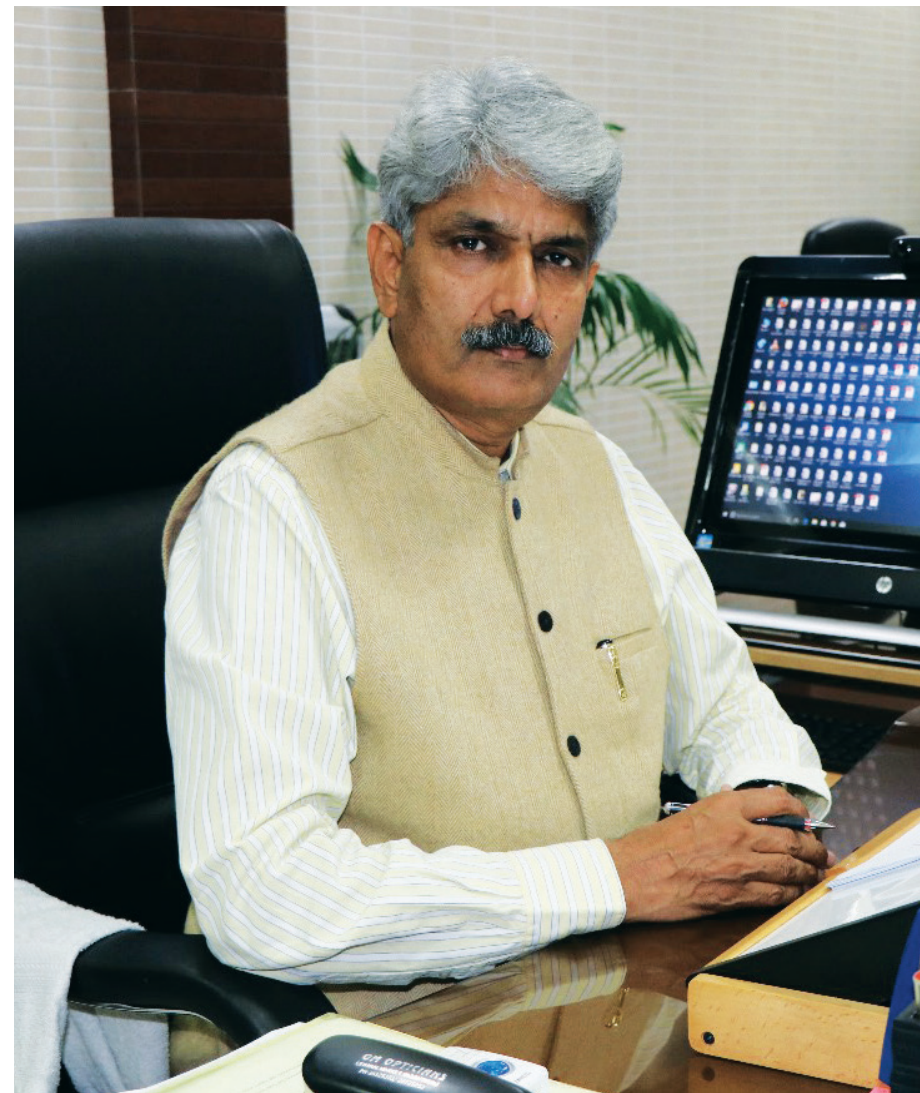
**A:** The MDU Consortium for Students’ Capacity Building is a strategic initiative to ensure that every student is equipped not just with degrees, but also with skills and confidence to make his mark in life and thrive. By bringing together the University Centre for Competitive Examinations (UCCE), Centre for Life Skills, Soft Skills (CLAS), Career Counselling and Placement Cell (CCPC), and the Centre for Youth Skill Development under one umbrella, we’ve created a seamless ecosystem for capacity enhancement.

These centres work in close coordination—CLAS fosters emotional intelligence and communication skills; UCCE prepares the students for government and competitive exams; CCPC builds a bridge between students and industry, and Youth Skill Centre imparts hands-on vocational training. Together, they deliver a unified, student-centric experience. Regular reviews, collaborative programming, and feedback mechanisms ensure synergy. This integrated model is empowering our students to become confident professionals, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners—a true embodiment of NEP 2020 in action.

**Q: The recent guidelines for Student Clubs aim to promote holistic development and experiential learning. How do you envision these clubs enhancing leadership, creativity, and collaboration among the students?**

**A:** Student clubs at MDU are a vital extension of our commitment to facilitate holistic education. In perfect sync with NEP 2020, we have introduced structured guidelines to ensure that every student engages beyond the classroom and develops essential life skills.

These clubs—ranging from cultural, literary, entrepreneurial, scientific, and wellness domains—serve as vibrant platforms for students to discover their passions, lead initiatives and collaborate across disciplines. Each club is guided by faculty mentors and coordinated by student leaders, encouraging democratic participation and gender inclusivity. Activities are designed to foster creativity, critical thinking and team spirit while aligning these with academic goals. Whether it’s organising a poetry slam, a coding hackathon, or a community service drive, students learn by doing. These clubs transform learners into leaders, building confidence and character. I believe they are the heartbeat of campus life and a cornerstone of our student-first vision.



**Q: With the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system in place, how is MDU ensuring that co-curricular activities—like participation in clubs and capacity-building programs—translate into tangible academic value for students?**

**A:** We have seamlessly integrated the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system into recognising and rewarding students’ participation beyond the classroom. We firmly believe that co-curricular engagement is as vital as academic learning in shaping well-rounded individuals. Under the new guidelines, active participation in student clubs, life skills programmes, innovation challenges, and capacity-building workshops are in the process of being formally credited and these will be reflected in students’ Detailed Marks Certificates (DMCs).

This ensures that students gain not just experiential learning, but also academic recognition for their efforts. Each activity is documented, evaluated, and aligned with learning outcomes, fostering accountability and encouraging deeper involvement. By assigning credits to leadership roles, community service, and skill enhancement modules, we honour

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines stipulate that post-graduate students will dedicate 90 hours, including 60 hours of fieldwork and 30 hours of report preparation. Similarly, undergraduate students will dedicate 180 hours, including 120 hours of fieldwork and 60 hours of report writing. Each student will be assigned a supervisor at the institutional level and will be free to choose a mentor in his area of work.

The Director of University Outreach Program Center, Prof. Anju Dhiman, presented the annual report at the meeting attended by various dignitaries, including deans, directors, and representatives from affiliated colleges.

This initiative aims to make students responsible and socially sensitive citizens, playing a significant role in the development of society and the country.

students’ diverse talents and holistic growth. The ABC framework is not just a compliance measure—it is a thoughtful step towards personalised, multidisciplinary, and outcome-oriented education.

**Q: Making education accessible to all is increasingly being recognized as essential for success. How are you ensuring this at MDU?**

**A:** Accessible education is not just a principle—it is a commitment we uphold through structured and inclusive initiatives. We reach the unreached through our centre for online and Distance Education, offering flexible, quality programmes across geographies. Our Centre for Disability Studies ensures that students with disabilities receive tailored support, assistive technologies, and a barrier-free environment.

We provide scholarships and fee concessions for Below Poverty Line (BPL) students to remove financial constraints. Through targeted certificate and diploma courses, we enhance employability for all learners, especially first-generation graduates.

Our social outreach extends to adopted villages where awareness campaigns, skill-building sessions, and “Nasha Mukh Parivaar” initiative promote holistic well-being.

Initiatives like “Ek Ped Divyang ke Naam” reflect our ethos of compassion and inclusion. At We are building not just accessible classrooms, but an equitable ecosystem where every learner, regardless of his background or ability, finds opportunity, dignity, and a future.

**Q: Lastly, as MDU celebrates its Golden Jubilee, what message would you like to share with the student community on their role in shaping the future of this great institution.**

**A:** As MDU celebrates its Golden Jubilee, I extend my best wishes to the student community—past and present—for paving the road for our journey to academic excellence and research. This milestone is not just a celebration of our legacy but a reaffirmation of our vision for the future. I urge our students to see themselves not merely as learners but as leaders, innovators, and change-makers. Your ideas, energy, and values will shape the next 50 years of this institution. Participate actively, dream boldly, and uphold the spirit of inclusion, excellence, and service that MDU stands for. Whether through academics, research, entrepreneurship, social engagement, or cultural expression—let your contributions reflect the pride of being an MDUian.

Together, let us reaffirm our resolve to build a university that inspires academic excellence, builds vision and makes every student future-ready. In the Golden Jubilee Year, let’s renew our commitment to shape responsible, compassionate and capable global citizens. You are the future of MDU, my dear students!



# Prof Ashim Ghosh is new MDU Chancellor



**MDU has a new Chancellor in Prof Ashim Ghosh who has been sworn in as 19th Governor of Haryana. He was administered the oath of office by Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, on July 21, 2025.**

**A distinguished academician and a seasoned political**

**leader, Prof Ghosh served as head of the Department of Political Science at a reputed college in Kolkata for close to four decades. He has made notable contributions in the field of academic research and has worked on various UGC and ICSSR projects.**

## VC calls on CM

Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, made a courtesy call on the Chief Minister, Mr Nayab Singh Saini, in Chandigarh, on June 29, 2025. He apprised him of the university's achievements and future plans in the field of higher education and research.

Prof. Rajbir Singh briefed Mr Saini on the university's academic, research, and innovation activities which have made MDU the first choice for the students in Haryana. The Vice-Chancellor also informed him that over 100 foreign students from Africa, East Asia, and neighboring countries have shown interest in pursuing education at MDU this year.

The Chief Minister appreciated MDU's efforts in the fields of education, research, and social connect initiatives. He also praised the university's role in promoting quality higher education, research, and innovation. Mr Saini was impressed by MDU's social connect programs, including campaigns like making the girls anemia-free, nutrition-rich, and initiatives to promote yoga.

Prof. Rajbir Singh informed him that MDU had developed an app to connect students with social causes and requested the Chief Minister to launch the app during his visit to MDU in the last week of July. Mr Saini agreed to launch the app.



The meeting is seen by academics as a positive step towards strengthening collaboration and coordination between the state government and the university in the field of education and research.

# MDU inks landmark MoU with ITC Hotels Classic Golf & Country Club



**S**ets pitch for India's first apprenticeship-embedded BBA Hospitality Degree in public university segment

Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has taken a pioneering step in higher education by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ITC Hotels' Classic Golf & Country Club to launch the BBA (Hospitality & Services Management) programme under the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Program (AEDP) framework, in line with the UGC Guidelines 2025.

This initiative makes MDU the first public university in India to offer such an apprenticeship-embedded degree in collaboration with a prestigious Indian-origin hotel group like ITC.

The MoU was formally exchanged between Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Executive Vice President (HR & Liason), ITC Hotel Classic Golf & Country Club, and Dr. Krishan Kant Gupta, Registrar, MDU Rohtak, in the esteemed presence of Prof. Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MDU.

Also present on the occasion were senior university dignitaries, including Prof Harish Kumar (Dean Academic Affairs), Prof Rajpal Singh (Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences & Commerce), Prof. Ashish Dahiya (Director, Institute of Hotel & Tourism Management); and Prof. Ajay Rajan (Advisor to Vice-Chancellor).

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rajbir Singh, said, "It is a proud moment for MDU to collaborate with a reputed industry leader like ITC Hotel Classic Golf & Country Club. This programme reflects our commitment to implement NEP-2020's vision of outcome-based, skill-integrated education and will immensely benefit students from all sections of society by enhancing their employability and industry readiness."

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Pradeep Kumar hailed the initiative as a "win-win proposition" for all stakeholders. "This unique AEDP partnership between ITC's Classic Golf & Country Club, and MDU, Rohtak, is designed to bridge the industry-academia gap. It ensures quality training, practical exposure, and long-term career opportunities for hospitality students. ITC is proud to nurture young minds through this innovative collaboration," he said.

## Key features of programme

- ▶ 30 seats under AEDP mode.
- ▶ Two years of classroom learning at MDU followed by two years of paid apprenticeship at ITC Hotels.
- ▶ Students will get a minimum stipend of Rs 8,500 per month during apprenticeship, along with duty meals, uniform, and accommodation.
- ▶ Students will be trained at ITC's Classic Golf & Country Club, Landbase India Limited, wholly owned Subsidiary
- ▶ Jointly developed curriculum which incorporates ITC professionals'input, ensuring real-world industry relevance.
- ▶ Tri-party agreement between ITC Hotel, MDU, and the student for apprenticeship.

Prof. Ashish Dahiya, Director IHTM, termed the programme as a milestone in higher education reforms, praising the industry-led, practice-driven model and calling it a "novel, scalable, and replicable framework for vocational degree integration in India."

This collaboration sets a national benchmark in vocational education and reinforces MDU's role as a forward-looking, industry-responsive public university.





## Pandit Deen Dayal Student-Centric Skill-based Incentive Scheme introduced: Students to gain employment alongside studies

MDU first university to launch such significant provision for students



Rohtak, July. Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has taken a historic step towards the holistic development and self-reliance of students by launching the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Student-Centric Skill-Based Incentive Scheme. This initiative places the university among the leading student-friendly institutions in the country.

An executive committee meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh was held to implement this scheme effectively. Guidelines and implementation processes related to the plan were discussed in depth.

**Under this innovative scheme:**

- MDU has created a \*corpus fund of 10 crore\* for students' skill development and economic empowerment.
- MDU becomes the first university in India with such a significant provision for students.
- In the academic session 2025-26, 1,500 students will be included in the first phase.
- Students will get opportunities to work in various university departments based on their qualifications and interests alongside their studies.

- Students can work up to 2 hours a day, with payment based on hourly rates.
- Students can earn 8,000 to 14,000 per month.
- Students will gain 120 hours of work experience and income annually.

**Payment will be based on 4 slabs depending on the student's talent:**

- Rs 200/hour - Rs 250/hour - Rs 300/hour - Rs 500/hour (highest)
- Students can work \*max 20 days/month (40 hours)\* and \*120 hours in an academic session.
- Selection of students will be \*transparent and merit-based\*, considering talent, skills, and economic status.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh stated that the scheme will give new direction to students' personality development and skill development. The aim is to prepare students for employment alongside degrees.

Dean Student Welfare and Executive Board Convenor Prof. Sapna Garg detailed the implementation of the scheme. She stated that under Prof. Rajbir Singh's leadership, this MDU initiative will be an inspiration for higher education institutions.

## 350th PNG gas connection in university flats

Rohtak, July 9: Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, inaugurated the 350th Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connection at the University Flats, installed by Bharat Gas. The ceremony was attended by Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant and officials from Bharat Gas.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh congratulated Dr. Manju Bala and Dr. Arun Hooda, university employees residing in the flats, on receiving the gas connection. He also commended the Bharat Gas team for their successful efforts. Prof. Singh stated that PNG is becoming an integral part of modern lifestyle as a clean and convenient energy source. This initiative will provide residents of the university's residential complex with safe, environmentally friendly, and convenient cooking gas.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized that this step not only enhances facilities but also demonstrates the university administration's commitment to environmental responsibility. He expressed hope that such public welfare schemes will continue in the future.

Bharat Gas officials informed that over 350 connections have been successfully



installed in the university so far, and the process will continue to provide PNG facilities to more people. This initiative is seen as a significant step towards meeting future energy needs while making the MDU campus smart and environmentally sensitive.

The program was attended by university officials, faculty members, and local residents, who appreciated this achievement and described it as a positive initiative.

## MoU signed with BOAT to launch apprenticeship embedded degree programmes under NATS

In a landmark initiative to bridge the gap between academia and industry, MDU signed an MoU with the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region), Kanpur—an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India—at a formal ceremony held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The MoU facilitates implementation of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS). These programmes are aligned with the University Grants Commission's 2025 guidelines and integrate on-the-job training into undergraduate degree curricula—ranging from a minimum of one semester to a maximum of four semesters.

The momentous event was graced by the presence of Mr Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education; Mr Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education; and Mr Govind Jaiswal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

On behalf of MDU, the MoU was signed by Dr K.K. Gupta, Registrar, Prof. Ashish Dahiya and Prof. Santosh Tewari in the august presence of Prof. Rajbir Singh Honouring MDU. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rajbir Singh emphasized that "Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes are the future of higher education, and MDU shall strongly promote and support these programs for the holistic development and employability of our students."

Under the MoU, students in the final phase of their degree programs will be eligible for stipendiary apprenticeship support as per the Apprentices Act, 1961



and Apprenticeship Rules, 1992. BOAT (NR) will facilitate industry partnerships, manage implementation through the NATS 2.0 portal, and issue Certificates of Proficiency upon completion.

MDU will actively mobilize its affiliated institutions, promote AEDP awareness, and support skilling initiatives in emerging areas such as AI, IoT, and Blockchain. Initially, the MoU will cover two flagship programmes—BBA in Hospitality & Services Management and BBA in Tourism, Travel & Events Management.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in implementing the vision of the National Education Policy 2020, empowering students with both academic knowledge and practical industry exposure.

## 61 saplings planted on Honouring's birthday

Rohtak, July 17. At the Abhilasha Kanya Hostel premises of MDU, 61 plants were planted to mark Prof. Rajbir Singh's 61st birthday. The event energized the 'One Tree in the Name of Mother' campaign, dedicated to environmental conservation in the university. The ceremony saw active participation from Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh, chief guest Dr. Sharanjit Kaur (Chairperson, RCI), special guests Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant, Dr. Laxmi Gupta, and Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Harish Kumar, along with senior officials, faculty members, staff, and students.



The tree-planting event was organized under the 'One Tree in the Name of Mother' campaign, aiming not only at environmental conservation but also honoring motherhood. Prof. Rajbir Singh stated that the goal is to turn the campaign into a mass movement. He emphasized that if every student plants and cares for a tree, they can leave a better environmental legacy for future generations. The campaign will foster a sense of connection and responsibility towards nature among students. He appealed to everyone to not just plant trees but also ensure their regular care for full growth and environmental protection.

Chief guest Dr. Sharanjit Kaur said respecting nature and motherhood is part of cultural values, and such campaigns help guide society in a positive direction. Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Harish Kumar appreciated the initiative, emphasizing students' active role in environmental conservation for developing leadership and social responsibility.

Honouring Dr. Krishan Kant noted MDU's commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable development, with ongoing efforts to keep the campus green and clean. Under the Vice-Chancellor's leadership, the campaign is making a significant impact in society. The event saw enthusiastic participation from MDU officials, teachers, hostel wardens, supervisors, staff, and students, who pledged to care for the trees they planted.

The event on the Vice-Chancellor's birthday was both an environmental initiative and an emotional message - planting a tree in the name of one's mother.

Chief Warden Girls Prof. Sapna Garg gave the welcome speech. Deputy Chief Warden Prof. Pratima Ranga expressed gratitude. Director Campus Forestry Prof. Surendra Yadav conducted the planting program with support from Director Horticulture Prof. Deepak Kaushik and the Horticulture team. Various university dignitaries attended the event.



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### MoU signed with Ruhil Future Tech to foster startups

Rohtak, May 10. In a significant step towards empowering student innovation and entrepreneurship, Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ruhil Future Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

The MoU aims to promote innovation, incubation, and startup culture among students and young entrepreneurs. The agreement was formally signed by MDU Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant and Mrs. Bala Devi, representing Ruhil Future Technologies.

Under this collaboration, MDU will provide necessary infrastructure and policy support through its Innovation and Incubation Centre, while Ruhil Future Technologies will offer industrial mentorship, training, and expert guidance to startups. The partnership will include services such as business modeling, financial management, digital branding, investor connect, and product prototype development.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh described this initiative as a transformative step aligned with India's startup vision, emphasizing MDU's commitment to providing practical training and innovation-based skills to students. A Joint Coordination Committee and Executive Committee have been formed to ensure effective implementation of the agreement.

The MoU marks a new height in academia-industry collaboration in North India and positions Haryana as a key player in the national innovation landscape. The ceremony was attended by senior university officials, including Prof. A.S. Maan, Prof. Gulshan Lal Taneja, Prof. Rahul Rishi, and others.

### Tribute paid to Squadron Leader Lokendra Sindhu, an alumnus of University Campus School



Rohtak,. A condolence meeting was held at Maharshi Dayanand University's University Campus School, where a tribute was paid to Squadron Leader Lokendra Sindhu, a former student who was martyred in a Jaguar aircraft crash in Churu recently. Lokendra Sindhu had completed his schooling from the same school in 2008.

During the condolence meeting, all students, teachers, and staff observed a two-minute silence to pray for the peace of the departed soul. An emotional atmosphere was witnessed in the school premises, where everyone remembered their brave alumnus with pride and respect.

Campus School In-charge Vivek Kaushal said that Squadron Leader Lokendra Sindhu's martyrdom is a matter of pride for all. He sacrificed his life for the country, and they express their deep condolences to his family. Lokendra Sindhu's bravery and dedication to the nation will always be remembered.

The students of Campus School also resolved to imbibe the qualities of discipline, hard work, and patriotism in their lives so that they can follow ideals like Lokendra Sindhu.

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### Ek Ped Divyang ke Naam' tree plantation fortnight concludes A historic campaign with messages of greenery and inclusivity

Rohtak,. The historic 'Ek Ped Divyang ke Naam' "One Tree in the Name of a Person with Disability" tree-plantation fortnight successfully concluded at Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU). The campaign succeeded in conveying a unique message of greenery in society along with sensitivity towards persons with disabilities.

Chairing the concluding session, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh stated that this campaign became an inspiring example in the direction of environmental conservation and inclusivity in society. The aim was not just planting trees but to show how a positive and inclusive initiative can be made successful with the participation of every section of society. The involvement of persons with disabilities made this campaign even more dignified.

Chief guest Dr. Sharanjit Kaur, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India appreciated MDU's initiative, stating that youth need to come forward to bring positive change in society. Persons with disabilities are citizens with special abilities. Such events strengthen their confidence and connect them to the mainstream of society.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Harish Kumar said the campaign is an inspiration not only for environmental conservation but also for social inclusivity.

Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant stated that the 'One Tree in the Name of a Person with Disability' campaign demonstrated the university's sensitivity and dedication. Every planted tree symbolizes social values and environmental awareness.

A person with disability, Professor Dr. Archana, participated as a special guest. She was Honoured on stage via an e-wheelchair, showcasing the university's inclusive thinking and technological sensitivity. Dr. Archana appreciated the initiative, stating that the dialogue between nature and humans succeeds when all sections participate equally.

Director Campus Forestry Prof. Surendra Yadav said the event was not just an environmental initiative but a strong example of social inclusivity, environmental conservation, and respect towards persons with disabilities. Director

Horticulture Prof. Deepak Kaushik stated that the tree-plantation campaign conveyed a meaningful message of greenery and sensitivity.

The concluding session was organized under the auspices of Youth Red Cross and University Outreach. Director University Outreach Prof. Anju Dhiman gave the welcome speech, describing the campaign as special. Chief Consultant Outreach Prof. Rajkumar described the program as unique, useful for society, and inspirational.

During the fortnight, hundreds of trees including fruit-bearing, medicinal, and shade trees were planted in the university campus. Each tree was dedicated in the name of a person with disability, developing a sense of personal connection. All participants were given the responsibility of caring for and protecting the plants so that the campaign doesn't remain a mere formality.

The campaign not only greened the university but also presented an example of how educational institutions can pave the way for inclusive development while fulfilling social responsibility.





## News & Events

### National seminar on Rising India and Changing World Order



Rohtak, June 25: The Department of Political Science at Maharshi Dayanand University organized a national seminar on "Rising India and Changing World Order", focusing on India's evolving global perspective and emerging international role. The seminar, held at Swaraj Sadan, featured expert speakers who deliberated on India's growing role in the context of global political, economic, and strategic changes.

The seminar was inaugurated by Satish Kumar, Economic Analyst at Swadeshi Jagran Manch, RK Puram, New Delhi, who was the Chief Guest. In his address, Satish Kumar emphasized that India is rapidly emerging as a significant power in the world, not just as an emerging economy



but also as a key decision-maker on the global stage. He stressed the importance of adopting indigenous practices to strengthen India.

MDU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajbir Singh, in his presidential address, noted that India is no longer just a developing country but is playing a decisive role in the global power balance. He emphasized the need for active policy participation in this new world order. Prof. Singh also highlighted the importance of skilled youth and the role of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in achieving this goal.

Prof. R.S. Yadav, former Vice Chancellor of Baba Mastnath University, delivered a keynote lecture, emphasizing the need to understand India's position and strategy in the changing world order. He underscored the importance of India's international role, strategic thinking, and active participation in global policies.

Prof. Harish Kumar, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, was the Guest of Honour at the event. He stated that India is currently standing at a pinnacle of success, and the world is looking towards it with confidence. He emphasized the need to strengthen India's information flow in line with developed countries.

Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Science and Seminar Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Jyoti shed light on the theme of the seminar.\*

The seminar was attended by faculty members, researchers, students, and members of Swadeshi Jagran Manch. The event was coordinated by Dr. Pradeep Kumar, with Dr. Jyoti providing insights into the seminar's theme. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Mamta Rani, Head of the Department of Political Science.

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### Coming, Community Engagement and Service Course

Rohtak,, July 5: Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, is set to introduce a new initiative in the field of higher education, linking education with social responsibility. This decision was taken during the 5th annual meeting of the University Outreach Program Advisory Committee, chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh.

Addressing the meeting, Prof. Rajbir Singh expressed concern about the growing distance between youth and their families, parents, and society. He said, "Today's youth are increasingly disconnecting from family and social responsibilities. If social issues are made a part of the academic curriculum, youth can play a constructive role in the development of the country. Education without social engagement has no meaning."

In line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, MDU will introduce a 4-credit 'Community Engagement and Service' course for postgraduate students and a 2-credit course for undergraduate students. Through these courses, students will engage in various social activities at the community level, developing social

awareness and a sense of responsibility.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines stipulate that postgraduate students will dedicate 90 hours, including 60 hours of fieldwork and 30 hours of report preparation. Similarly, undergraduate students will dedicate 180 hours, including 120 hours of fieldwork and 60 hours of report writing. Each student will be assigned a supervisor at the institutional level and will be free to choose a mentor in their area of work.

The Director of the University Outreach Program Center, Prof. Anju Dhiman, presented the annual report during the meeting. The meeting was attended by various dignitaries, including Deans, Directors, and representatives from affiliated colleges.

This initiative aims to make students responsible and socially sensitive citizens, playing a significant role in the development of the country.

### Prospectus released for admissions to B. Ed, M.Ed courses in affiliated colleges

The Vice-Chancellor described the prospectus as "student-friendly," emphasizing it was prepared considering students' convenience.

**Prof. Rajbir Singh announced admissions for:**

- **B.Ed: 11,000 seats in 90 teaching colleges**
- **M.Ed: 985 seats in 19 teaching colleges**
- **M.Ed Special Education: 55 seats in 4 teaching colleges**
- **B.Ed Special Education: 650 seats in 13 teaching colleges**

The application process for admission is ongoing and entirely online. Interested students can apply through MDU's official website until \*August 14, 2025\*.

On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajbir Singh congratulated Dr. Satish Malik, Chair of the Prospectus Committee, and his team. He highlighted the university's priority for a \*transparent, timely, and student-centric admission process\*. This year's admission process has been made simpler and more accessible through a digital platform to avoid inconvenience to students and parents.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Harish Kumar emphasized MDU's commitment to quality and transparency in education.

Registrar Dr. Krishan Kant Stated MDU administration prioritized student welfare, making the process transparent and digital.

Dean CDC Prof. Vinita Hooda gave vote of thanks and explained the details of the prospectus. She clarified that seat allocation will be entirely based on merit through an online process.

She further mentioned detailed information on seat availability, colleges, eligibility criteria, reservation policy, and fee structure etc .







Our distinguished alumni

## Padma Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu



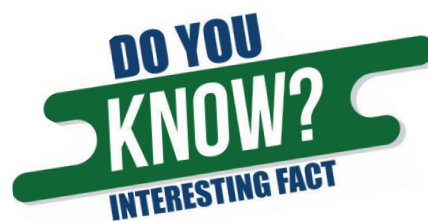
Padma Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu is a distinguished alumnus of Maharshi Dayanand University.

Mahabir Singh Guddu, a prominent cultural icon of Haryana, has steadfastly contributed towards the preservation and promotion of Haryanvi culture and heritage. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2024 by Hon'ble President Droupadi Murmu for promoting Haryana's folk culture through performances and workshops in the last five decades.

Mahabir Singh Guddu is especially known for his Shiv Bhajan 'BAM LAHRI'. He has been using his art for social causes such as spreading awareness against drug abuse, female foeticide and other social evils.

He did his graduation and post-graduation (M.Ed) from M.D. University, Rohtak in 1988 and 1989, respectively. He represented the university in cultural events at the state level and national level competitions, including All India Inter- University Festivals, and won laurels for the university.

Mahabir Singh Guddu was also awarded the national level Sangeet Natak Academy Award in 2023. He is a recipient of the State Level Pandit Lakhmi Chand Award as well as Haryana Kala Ratna Award. He has performed all over India as well as abroad highlighting the glory of Haryanvi folk culture.



**Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, was initially named as Rohtak University. A State university, it was established under the Haryana Act No XXV of 1975**

## Padma Shri Santram Deswal



Padma Shri Dr. Sant Ram Deswal is a distinguished alumnus of Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak.

Dr Deswal was conferred Padma Shri in the field of Literature and Education by Hon'ble President Droupadi Murmu on May 27, 2025.

Dr Deswal has been a student of the Department of English, MDU. He did M.A. English in 1976-78, and a certificate course in French language in 1979. He also passed the LLB exam from the Department of Law in 1983. Thereafter, Dr. Deswal did MA Hindi in 1983-85, M.Phil Hindi in 1987, and Ph.D in Hindi in 1993 from the Department of Hindi, MDU.

Dr. Deswal has authored several books. His literary contributions earned him Babu Bal Mukund Gupta Sahitya Samman, Lok Sahitya Shiromani Samman, Lok Sahitya Anuvad Puraskar, and many other prestigious awards.

He made significant contributions in the field of social service too, working for social awareness causes like gender equality, dowry eradication, illiteracy, female feticide, etc. As a faculty member and Programme Officer of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in CRA College, Sonapat (an affiliated college of MDU), he worked for the total literacy mission in village Jagdishpur, District Sonapat, Haryana.



# Views & Suggestions

## An outstanding product

The April–May 2025 issue of MDU Mirror is an outstanding product that successfully captures the dynamism and achievements of Maharshi Dayanand University. As a student, I find this bi-monthly publication both inspiring and informative,

its vibrant content truly reflecting the evolving academic, research, and cultural ethos of our great university.

From the inauguration of student-led start-ups like MOYOS and the landmark Nasha Mukh Ghar Abhiyan, to high-impact seminars on IPR, biological sciences, and inclusive education, the newsletter effectively showcases how MDU is nurturing not just the students but future

leaders, researchers, and socially responsible citizens.

Well-clicked photographs alongside each feature bring the events to life and lend authenticity and colour to reporting. The design, clarity of language, and smooth flow of the narrative make for an engaging read. Especially notable is the balance struck between the textual content and imagery, maintaining both readability and aesthetic value.

The voice of the students is also given due space, with

feedback from peers adding a relatable and interactive element. The section “Views and Suggestions” is particularly encouraging, showing that the editorial board values and responds to students’ opinions. This open channel of communication enhances the democratic and inclusive nature of the publication.

Moreover, the commitment of MDU Mirror to showcase academic excellence and innovation is evident through stories about research awards, patent awareness sessions, and the celebration of National Technology Day. These sections are not only informative but also pave the way for the students to explore interdisciplinary opportunities, mentorship, and real-world applications of their academic pursuits.

That said, I would like to suggest a few improvements for future editions. First, a dedicated section for students’ achievements spanning academics, sports, and extracurricular activities could further motivate them and help build a bond with the publication. Second, regular features on departmental updates and interviews with distinguished alumni could foster greater inter-departmental visibility and inspiration. Lastly, including captions under photographs and a “Student Spotlight” column can further enrich the narrative with personal stories and deeper context.

**Ashima Nehra**  
Research Scholar, Centre for Biotechnology

## Commendable indeed

The overall composition of the newsletter is commendable. In order to make it more engaging, ‘editorial cartoons’ can be used and a specific section can be dedicated to ‘Environment and Sustainability’ on the MDU campus which will enhance the acclamation of MDU Mirror in every respect.

**Heena Ahlawat,**  
MA Hons VII Semester, Department of English and Foreign Languages



## Elevates academic discourse

The university newsletter is a vital voice on the MDU campus, offering insightful reporting and thoughtful commentary that elevates academic discourse. Its editorial team demonstrates remarkable clarity and engagement. Each article is crafted with precision, balancing timely updates with in-depth features that connect students, faculty, and the broader academic community.

The journal's commitment to accuracy and relevance mirrors the integrity of a trusted information source, ensuring that readers stay informed and inspired. It fosters a sense of unity and shared intellectual curiosity by spotlighting research breakthroughs, student achievements, and campus culture. Put together, visual storytelling, engaging interviews, and compelling opinion pieces create a dynamic and inclusive narrative.

More importantly, the product functions as a platform to air diverse voices, empowering contributors to spotlight essential issues. With its polished design and clear structure, it resonates with both seasoned scholars and curious newcomers. In every edition, the journal reaffirms its role as a cornerstone of university life--reliable, enlightening, and deeply connected to the academic mission. We can say that the university is showcasing the present while pointing to the future.

**Raveena Chauhan**  
Research Scholar, Centre for Bioinformatics

## Comprehensive coverage

MDU Mirror is an impressive and engaging reflection of Maharshi Dayanand University's development, community spirit and dynamic presence as it effectively showcases the institution's growth and collective spirit. A stand-out feature of this newsletter is its comprehensive coverage of topics ranging from academic achievements and research initiatives to cultural and social events.

In the second issue of the newsletter, the coverage of articles like Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan highlight MDU's commitment beyond academia, positing the university as an institution dedicated to societal well-being. The newsletter effectively highlights every detail of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, beautifully portraying the university's rich legacy and its exciting vision for the future. The visual storytelling of the newsletter is commendable. Photographs are vibrant and well-chosen. Also, Columns like "Meet Your Alumni" and "Do You Know" are excellent additions.

Overall, MDU Mirror beautifully illustrates MDU's vibrancy and progress. However, I would like to suggest incorporating information about the upcoming seminars, workshops, and lectures. This would help ensure that students and the research community are well informed in advance, allowing them to make the most of these events. Also, a section for a guest column or opinion piece can be added, highlighting the pressing issues.

**Ritu Rani**  
Research Scholar, Dept. of Library & Information Science

## Fosters unity and communication

As a research scholar, I am thoroughly impressed with the launch of MDU Mirror. This initiative represents a significant step forward in fostering communication and unity in the university community. The newsletter brilliantly captures the vibrant life on the campus, from academic achievements to cultural celebrations and innovative ventures. Reading about events like the Golden Jubilee celebrations, new start-ups like MOYOS, and social initiatives such as the Nasha Mukht Ghar Abhiyan, makes me feel more closely connected to the broader university family.

What I particularly appreciate is how MDU Mirror serves as a platform to showcase the diverse talents and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. It creates a sense of pride and belonging while keeping everyone informed about the exciting developments happening across different departments and centers.

The comprehensive coverage of research awards, patent workshops, and entrepreneurial ventures demonstrates the university's commitment to holistic development. The visual presentation and professional layout make it an engaging read that truly reflects the dynamic spirit of our institution.

I believe MDU Mirror will soon become an indispensable part of campus life, celebrating our achievements and fostering greater engagement within the MDU community.

**Diksha Ranga**  
Research Scholar, Centre for Medical Biotechnology



## Salient features of education at MDU

1. Focus on holistic education
2. All UG/integrated programs are multidisciplinary in essence
3. Provision of skill enhancement courses as well as internship in all UG and PG programs
4. Pool of value added courses
5. Integration of Vocational education courses in UG and integrated programs
6. Provision for research focused courses and projects in UG programs
7. Multiple entry and exit in all degree programs
8. Focus on engaged learning
9. Continuous and comprehensive evaluation
10. Optimal learning experience
11. Outcome based education
12. Opportunity and participation in community engagement activities
13. Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Skill Based incentives Scheme for Students
14. Participation in sports and yoga activities
15. Mentor-mentee mechanism
16. Courses of Happiness
17. Participation in Cultural, Youth Leadership and other Co-curricular Activities
18. Value based education in the University named after great social reformer Maharshi Dayanand
19. Daily Yajna in Mathuram Yagyashala
20. Hosting of Academic, Cultural and Sports events and round the year with prior notified Calendar
21. Career counseling and placement services